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The Patent Application of) MAIL STOP RCE
Anette BUSCHKA et al.	Group Art Unit: 1771
Application No.: 09/870,517) Examiner: Elizabeth Cole
Filed: June 1, 2001) Confirmation No.: 9594
For: A TEXTILE FIBRE REINFORCED ABSORBENT MATERIAL))
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Customer No. 2 1 8 3 9

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[] \$3	Appl 75.00	cant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the (2801) [x] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
1.	[]	A.	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
	[]	B.	Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested: [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
			[] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
			Other:
2.			following documents are enclosed with this submission:
		[x]	Amendment/Reply.
		[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
		[x] [x]	Petition for Extension of Time.
		[]	Other:
3.		[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.
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	No. Of CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee					
Total Claims		MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS 3 =		× \$84.00 (1201) =	
If multiple dependent	claims are pi	resented, add \$280.0	0 (1203)		
Total Fee					
If small entity status is	s claimed, su	btract 50% of Total	Fee		
TOTAL FEE DUE				750.00	

4.	[x]	A check in the amount of	\$ <u>750.00</u>	is enclosed for the fee due
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- 5. [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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